

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A container accessory for use with a vehicle component that pivots between a raised position and a lowered position, the accessory comprising:

at least one panel configured to be coupled to the component, wherein the at least one panel includes at least one holding mechanism and wherein the at least one panel is configured to pivot between a stowed position in which the at least one panel extends parallel to the component along a bottom side of the component when the component is in the raised position and a deployed position in which the at least one panel extends downwardly from the component when the component is in the raised position.

2. The accessory of claim 1, wherein the at least one panel includes:

a first panel; and

a second panel pivotally coupled to the first panel, wherein the first panel and the second panel pivot relative to one another between a fully stowed state in which both panels extend parallel to the component along a bottom side of the component when the component is in the raised position, an intermediate state in which the first panel extends parallel to the component along the bottom side of the component while the second panel extends downward from the component while the component is in the raised state, and a fully deployed state in which both the first panel and the second panel extend downward from the component when the component is in the raised state.

3. The accessory of claim 1 including a mirror coupled to the at least one panel and configured to extend along a top side of the component when the component is in the raised position.
4. The accessory of claim 1, wherein the at least one holding mechanism is configured to hold or contain cosmetics.
5. The accessory of claim 1, including means for releasably retaining the at least one panel in the stowed position.
6. The accessory of claim 1, wherein the at least one panel pivots about a living hinge.
7. The accessory of claim 1, including at least one member coupled to the at least one panel and configured to at least partially extend about the vehicle component.
8. The accessory of claim 7, wherein the at least one member is at least partially elastomeric.
9. The accessory of claim 7 including a retainer coupled to the at least one elastomeric member and configured to releasably retain the first panel parallel to the component.
10. The accessory of claim 1, wherein the vehicle component comprises a vehicle sun visor and wherein the accessory is configured to be coupled to the visor.
11. The accessory of claim 1, wherein the vehicle component pivots about a first axis between the raised position and the lowered position, wherein the at least one panel pivots about a second axis between the stowed position and the deployed

position, and wherein the second axis extends parallel to the first axis.

12. The accessory of claim 11, wherein the retainer comprises a first portion of a hook and loop fastener coupled to the at least one elastomeric member and a second portion of a hook and loop fastener coupled to the first panel.

13. The container accessory of claim 1, wherein the at least one panel includes:

a first panel; and

a second panel pivotally coupled to the first panel, wherein the first panel and the second panel pivot relative to one another between a fully stowed state in which both panels extend parallel to the component along a bottom side of the component when the component is in the raised position, an intermediate state in which the first panel extends parallel to the component along the bottom side of the component while the second panel extends downward from the component while the component is in the raised state, and a fully deployed state in which both the first panel and the second panel extend downward from the component when the component is in the raised state and wherein the accessory further includes a mirror coupled to the first panel such that the first panel extends between the mirror and the vehicle component when the component is in the raised position.

14. The accessory of claim 1 wherein the vehicle component includes a mirror adapted to face a headliner of the vehicle when the component is in the raised position and wherein the accessory includes a first strap and a second strap coupled to the at least one panel and configured to extend on opposites of the mirror.

15. The accessory of claim 1 including:
 - a first panel having at least one holding mechanism and configured to be coupled to the component so as to extend parallel to the component along a bottom side of the component when the component is in the raised position, wherein the at least one panel includes:
 - a second panel having at least one second pocket or holder and configured to pivot between the stowed position in which the second panel extends parallel to the component along a bottom side of the component when the component is in the raised position and a deployed position which the second panel extends downward from the component when the component is in the raised position.
16. The accessory of claim 15 including a third panel coupled to the first panel and configured to extend parallel to the component along a top side of the component when the component is in the raised position.
17. The accessory of claim 16 including a mirror coupled to the third panel so as to face away from the component.
18. The accessory of claim 16 including a fastening mechanism configured to releasably fasten the second panel to the first panel such that the second panel extends substantially parallel to the first panel.

19. A visor system for a vehicle, the visor system comprising:
a sun visor configured to be pivotally supported by the vehicle for movement between a raised position in which the sun visor extends towards the rear of the vehicle along a headliner of the vehicle and a lowered position, the sun visor having a top side facing the headliner when the sun visor is in the raised position and an opposite bottom side; and
at least one panel coupled to the sun visor, wherein the at least one panel includes at least one holding mechanism and
wherein the at least one panel is configured to pivot between a stowed position in which the at least one panel is substantially parallel to the bottom side of the sun visor and a deployed position in which the at least one panel extends non-parallel from the bottom side of the sun visor.
20. The system of claim 19 wherein the at least one panel includes:
a first panel; and
a second panel pivotably coupled to the first panel, wherein the first panel and the second panel pivot relative to one another between a fully stowed state in which both panels extend parallel to the bottom side of the component, an intermediate state in which the first panel extends parallel to the bottom side of the component while the second panel extends non-parallel to the bottom side of the component and a fully deployed state in which both the first panel and the second panel extend non-parallel to the bottom side of the component.

21. The system of claim 19 including a mirror coupled to the at least one panel and configured to extend along a top side of the visor when the visor is in the raised position.
22. The system of claim 19, wherein the at least one holding mechanism is configured to hold or contain cosmetics.
23. The system of claim 19, including means for releasably retaining the at least one panel in the stowed position.
24. The system of claim 19, wherein the at least one panel pivots about a living hinge.
25. The system of claim 19, including at least one member coupled to the at least one panel and configured to at least partially extend about the sun visor.
26. The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one member is at least partially elastomeric.
27. The system of claim 25 including a retainer coupled to the at least one elastomeric member and configured to releasably retain the first panel parallel to the visor.
28. The system of claim 19, wherein the visor pivots about a first axis between the raised position and the lowered position, wherein the at least one panel pivots about a second axis between the stowed position and the deployed position, and wherein the second axis extends parallel to the first axis.
29. The system of claim 28, wherein the retainer comprises a first portion of a hook and loop fastener coupled to the at least one

elastomeric member and a second portion of a hook and loop fastener coupled to the first panel.

30. The system of claim 19, wherein the at least one panel includes:

a first panel; and

a second panel pivotally coupled to the first panel, wherein the first panel and the second panel pivot relative to one another between a fully stowed state in which both panels extend parallel to the visor along a bottom side of the visor when the visor is in the raised position,

an intermediate state in which the first panel extends parallel to the visor along the bottom side of the visor while the second panel extends downward from the visor while the visor is in the raised state, and

a fully deployed state in which both the first panel and the second panel extend downward from the visor when the visor is in the raised state and

wherein the accessory further includes a mirror coupled to the first panel such that the first panel extends between the mirror and the visor when the visor is in the raised position.

31. The system of claim 19 wherein the visor includes a mirror adapted to face a headliner of the vehicle when the visor is in the raised position and wherein the accessory includes a first strap and a second strap coupled to the at least one panel and configured to extend on opposites of the mirror.

32. The system of claim 19 including:

a first panel having at least one holding mechanism and configured to be coupled to the visor so as to extend parallel to the

visor along a bottom side of the visor when the visor is in the raised position, wherein the at least one panel includes:

a second panel having at least one second holding mechanism and configured to pivot between the stowed position in which the second panel extends parallel to the component along a bottom side of the visor when the visor is in the raised position and a deployed position which the second panel extends downward from the visor when the visor is in the raised position.

33. The system of claim 20 including a third panel coupled to the first panel and configured to extend parallel to the visor along a top side of the visor when the visor is in the raised position.

34. The system of claim 33 including a mirror coupled to the third panel so as to face away from the visor.

35. The system of claim 33 including a fastening mechanism configured to releasably fasten the second panel to the first panel such that the second panel extends substantially parallel to the first panel.

36. A container accessory for use with a vehicle sun visor that pivots between a raised position and a lowered position, the accessory comprising:

storage means configured to be coupled to the sun visor, wherein the storage means includes at least one holding mechanism and wherein the storage means is configured to pivot between a stowed position in which the storage means extends adjacent to a bottom side of the visor when the visor is in the raised position and a deployed position in which the storage means

extends away from the visor when the visor is in the raised position.

37. A method for accessing items supported by a sun visor, the method comprising:

pivoting a storage member relative to the sun visor while the sun visor is in a raised position in which the sun visor extends towards the rear of a vehicle adjacent a headliner of the vehicle; and

removing at least one item from at least one of a pocket of a holder of the storage member.

38. The method of claim 37 including:

pivoting a second storage member having at least one holding mechanism relative to the first storage member.

39. The method of claim 37 including pivoting the sun visor toward the lowered position while the first storage member is deployed.

40. The method of claim 38 including pivoting the sun visor to the lowered position while the first storage member and the second storage member are in deployed positions.